

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 3282 - SB 3303**

March 5, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Allows certain psychologists to prescribe drugs and receive a special certification from the Board of Examiners in Psychology. A prescribing psychologist would have the authority to prescribe and write orders for drugs (including controlled substances) and laboratory tests. The certification for a prescribing psychologist would include fulfillment of certain qualifications and training based on guidelines from the American Psychological Association. Standards and requirements would include education in pharmacology, psychopharmacology and related sciences; a minimum of one calendar year of supervision with at least 100 patients; and 300 hours of instruction and successful completion of a national examination. The bill also requires two years of a collaborative agreement with a physician. The bill creates a multidisciplinary group to advise the Board of Psychology in creating rules.

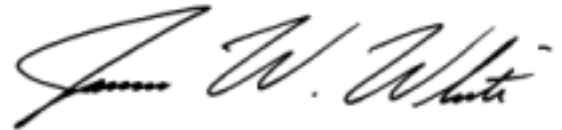
### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Increase State Expenditures -</b>	<b>\$1,200 Recurring</b>
	<b>\$2,250 One-Time</b>
<b>Increase State Revenues -</b>	<b>\$3,500 Recurring</b>

Estimate assumes some additional administrative and computer expenses in the Department of Health. Regulatory boards are required to be self-sufficient by statute (TCA 4-29-121, 4-3-1011 and 63-1-137) and it is assumed that fees will cover expenses.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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